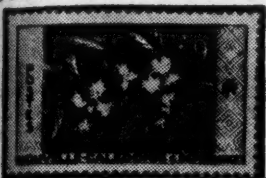


Turkish Stamp Has Santa Claus

Stamps Picture Priest, Coffee

A curious rock formation which resembles the towers of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, appears in the design of one of three new regulars which the French colony of New Caledonia released November 21. It is an island which has the name of Tours de Notre Dame.



This 2.50fr has as companion pieces a 9fr showing a coffee plant sprig with blossoms and berries; and a 3fr with an island scene. A 14fr airmail of this same release pictures dock facilities for transporting nickel ore by aerial cable car from the mines to the ships. From Wallis & Futuna comes a 14 franc airmail with a view of a coastal village and the priest Pere Chanel. Father Chanel is credited with doing much to raise the standard of living of the islands. Gimbels Stamp and Coin Department which sent the news and pictures of the stamps stated that as yet no colors were announced.

Korean Single For Navy Anniversary

The tenth anniversary of the Korean Navy was noted with the issue of a 20 hwan blue commemorative by Korea November 10.

This is one for the ships on stamps topicalists for it pictures one of the most unique appearing fighting ships in history and the admiral who commanded the fleet in which it was used.

It is the famed "turtle" man of war, completely covered across the top and sides with nearly impenetrable armor. The head man was Admiral Rhee Shun sin—he is picture on the left of the design. Also included is the Navy Flag.

On a first day cover from Song Ki Choo, 100 3th Ga Nam Dai Moon St., Seoul, Korea appeared the special postmark, in blue. It shows crossed anchors and chains, the yin-yang symbol and carries the appropriate inscription of the occasion and the date.

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NEW YORKERS ON RETURN VISIT. Recently members of the Collectors Club of New York were the guests of the Boston Philatelic Society. The New Yorkers brought along several displays which were shown at the regular monthly meeting of the Boston club. A dinner preceded the evening's entertainment. Present for the affair, front row, left to right — J. Urban Edgren and Mrs. Edgren; Ruth N. Carter; Mrs. Anna B. Elkins; Dorothy Bates. Back Row — Maurice Blake; Edwin Mayer; Stephen G. Rich; Edwin Elkins; Jacob Glaser; Dr. G. Philip Grabfield.

Bierly Design Of American Mergansers Wins Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Competition

A black and white watercolor featuring a pair of American Mergansers flying low over fog-bound water has been chosen as the design for the 1956-57 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced.

Edward J. Bierly, 2723 S. Buchanan St., Arlington, Va., is the artist who drew the winning design for the seventh annual "duck stamp" competition. This will be the 23rd stamp to be issued in the Federal duck stamp series. Mr. Bierly was runnerup in last year's contest.

A panel of waterfowl experts judged Mr. Bierly's design as the best of the 64 submitted in the competition. During the judging the artists' names were masked.

C. G. Pritchard, 2535 T Street, Lincoln, Neb., with his picture of three mallards was the runner-up. Third place went to Stuart Ferreira, 308 S. Cedar St., Owatonna, Minn., for his design of old squaws.

The design selected for each year's duck stamp is chosen by a judging committee of waterfowl authorities from among entries submitted by artists from every part of the country. Prior to 1949, however, outstanding wildlife artists were invited to submit entries and the selection was made from this limited group. In that year the limitations were lifted and a public contest was decided upon in order to give an opportunity for all wildlife artists to compete in the future.

A total of 64 designs was submitted by 42 artists in this year's contest. The entries were notable for their fine quality, the judges said. Two artists whose designs had been selected in previous years again submitted entries.
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The denomination is 60c and the color a rose violet.

Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro advises that a special postmark was applied to mail on the first day of issue. It has in its center the head of a girl, a torch and a spray of flowers. Around this arrangement in circular form are the dedicatory and postal legends.

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Church Where St. Nicholas Presided As Bishop Shown; Design Has Vague Portrait

Six stamps which bring attention to some of the scenic and archaeological wonders of the Antalya and Demre areas are to be issued by Turkey on December 10. They will serve in the nature of regular postage for they will continue on sale until December 31, 1960. Of special note is the 65 kurus denomination on which is pictured the church of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) with a ghost-like representation of Santa Claus above it. It is located at Demre in the district of Kale at Antalya. The saint served as the bishop of the area with the church as his cathedral.

A picturesque falls near Antalya is seen in the design of the 18k. It is the beginning of the Duden brook.



The Seljukide dockyard and Alanya village are shown on the 20k. The ancient name of Alanya was Korakesion — the community was captured and rebuilt by the Turks in the 13th century.

An ancient theatre, somewhat reminiscent of the giant football stadiums of today is pictured on the 30k. It is the ruins of Sapedos, also known as Belkis. Aspendos is a very old town of Pamphilia and 45km distant from Antalya.

One of the doors of the ruins of the theatre at Side is depicted on the 45k. Side is one of the oldest towns of Pamphilia and is located about 80km away from Antalya.

Antalya itself in a spring view is to be seen on the 50k. Located on the shore of the Mediterranean the mountains of Beydaglari are to be seen in the background.

Printing will be in sheets of fifty subjects by the Austrian State Printery at Vienna. Production will amount to 300,000 for the 18, 50 and 65 kurus; 150,000 for the 45k; 400,000 for the 30k; and 550,000 for the 20k.

The actual time of the existence of St. Nicholas is in the fourth century with his date of birth unknown and his death said to have occurred in 326 or 352. In any event, he is a popular saint of the Catholic church and revered greatly by the Russian church before the advent of communism.

Of his personal history practically nothing is known with certainty. He is said to have been bishop of Myra in Lycia.

However it is almost certain that he lived prior to the reign of the emperor Justinian in whose times several of the churches of Constantinople were dedicated to St. Nicholas.

The great popularity of St. Nicholas rests mainly on the traditions.

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As his protection was implored against robbers, these persons came to be known as Clerks of St. Nicholas. In England in ancient times his feast was celebrated with great solemnity in the public schools and elsewhere. The supposed day of his death, December 6, is still observed with curious public ceremonies in Germany.

The nearness of the feast to that of Christmas Day led to the confounding of the two, so that we are told that Santa Claus, a Dutch corruption of St. Nicholas, gives the presents of Christmas.

In art St. Nicholas is represented as clad in episcopal robes and carrying three purses, illustrating the saint's charity.

His supposed relics were conveyed from the East to Bari in the Kingdom of Naples May 9, 1807, and in the Russian church the anniversary of this transferral is still observed as a festival. He is the patron saint of that church, as well as of many European cities.

Cincinnati TV Station Has Philatelic Program

Stamps and stamp collecting are the subject of the Tuesday morning session of the "Fun and Facts" program over television WCPO-TV of Cincinnati, Ohio. It comes on at 8:30 a.m. and is conducted by Mrs. Eloise Kadesch. The station broadcasts on Channel 9.

It is sponsored by the University of Cincinnati and was originally intended for children but since these are now in or on their way to school at that hour, the slant is towards an adult audience. Every other week a separate country and its stamps are featured with the in-between ones introducing a guest philatelist.

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anese followed the practice of ap-
pointing year-names, carefully se-
lected through combinations of a
relatively small number of Chi-
nese characters having connota-
tions of good omen, for the
chronological designation of peri-
ods in Japanese history. But the
year-names so selected did not
coincide with the periods of reign
of Japanese emperors. However,
in January 1868, when Emperor
Mutsuhito assumed direct rule
over Japan, the new era was
given the name Meiji. Meiji re-
mained the official title for the rest
of the emperor's long reign which
lasted until 1912, and the name
was then given to the emperor as
his personal posthumous title.
Similarly, when Emperor Yoshi-
hito ascended the throne in 1912,
the era-name selected — Taisho
— continued in use until 1926,
and was then given to Emperor
Yoshihito as his personal post-
humous title. Finally, when Em-
peror Hirohito ascended the
throne in 1926, his era was named
Showa. The following table pro-
vides a ready reference for the
conversion of Japanese year-
names and numbers for the period
running from the appearance of
the first Japanese postage stamps
in 1871 to the present time:

MEIJI			
4	1871	25	1892
5	1872	26	1893
6	1873	27	1894
7	1874	28	1895
8	1875	29	1896
9	1876	30	1897
10	1877	31	1898
11	1878	32	1899
12	1879	33	1900
13	1880	34	1901
14	1881	35	1902
15	1882	36	1903
16	1883	37	1904
17	1884	38	1905
18	1885	39	1906
19	1886	40	1907
20	1887	41	1908
21	1888	42	1909
22	1889	43	1910
23	1890	44	1911
24	1891	45	1912

TAISHO			
1	1912	9	1920
2	1913	10	1921
3	1914	11	1922
4	1915	12	1923
5	1916	13	1924
6	1917	14	1925
7	1918	15	1926
8	1919		

SHOWA			
1	1926	16	1941
2	1927	17	1942
3	1928	18	1943
4	1929	19	1944
5	1930	20	1945
6	1931	21	1946
7	1932	22	1947
8	1933	23	1948
9	1934	24	1949
10	1935	25	1950
11	1936	26	1951
12	1937	27	1952
13	1938	28	1953
14	1939	29	1954
15	1940	30	1955

The era-names "Meiji," "Tai-
sho" and "Showa" signify, re-
spectively, "Enlightened Rule,"
"Great Righteousness" and "Ra-
diant Peace."

After 1 January, 1873 when
Japan adopted the Gregorian cal-
endar, the era-name year num-
bers corresponded exactly with
the Gregorian year numbers, i.e.
the first day of the month of
Meiji 6 was actually the equiv-
alent of 1 January, 1873 and the
last day of the last month of
Meiji corresponded exactly with
31 December, 1873, and so on.

However, previous to 1 Janu-
ary, 1873, Japan used the lunar
calendar and not the Gregorian

calendar which complicates some-
what the matter of translation of
dates, of philatelic interest, pre-
vious to that time. The old Jap-
anese lunar calendar alternated
irregularly between 29 day and
30 day months and almost every
third year there was a thirteenth
month (Years contained an in-
tercalary month whenever New
Year would otherwise have fallen
a whole month too early). For-
tunately, no extra month came
in either Meiji 4 or Meiji 5 —
the years of greatest interest in
connection with the early philat-
ely of Japan.

The following is a list of the
first days of the month of Meiji
4 and 5 together with the corre-
sponding days of the Western cal-
endar in 1871 and 1872.

Meiji 4		
1st month	- 19 Feb.	1871
2nd month	- 21 Mar.	1871
3rd month	- 20 Apr.	1871
4th month	- 19 May	1871
5th month	- 18 Jun.	1871
6th month	- 18 Jul.	1871
7th month	- 18 Aug.	1871
8th month	- 15 Sep.	1871
9th month	- 14 Oct.	1871
10th month	- 13 Nov.	1871
11th month	- 12 Dec.	1871
12th month	- 10 Jan.	1872

Meiji 5		
1st month	- 9 Feb.	1872
2nd month	- 9 Mar.	1872
3rd month	- 8 Apr.	1872
4th month	- 7 May	1872
5th month	- 6 Jun.	1872
6th month	- 6 Jul.	1872
7th month	- 4 Aug.	1872
8th month	- 3 Sep.	1872
9th month	- 2 Oct.	1872
10th month	- 1 Nov.	1872
11th month	- 1 Dec.	1872
12th month	- 30 Dec.	1872

On the eleventh day, ninth
day, Meiji (12 October 1872), the
Japanese Government decided
that the third day, twelfth
month, Meiji 5 would be made
the first day of January 1873.
Thus the first day of the first
month of Meiji 6 became 1 Janu-
ary, 1873.

Inadequate understanding or
not understanding at all of the
old lunar accounts for the fact
that for a number of years, it
was held (even by the late A. M.
Tracey Woodward) that the first
stamps of Japan appeared on 1
March, 1871. Actually, the first
postage stamps of Japan appeared
on the first day of the third
month of Meiji 4 which was not
1 March, 1871 but was, as will
be seen through use of the table
above 20 April, 1871.

Nationalist China Seal Rather Costly

Nationalist China released its an-
nual Christmas seals November 10
advises the Rev. Michael J. O'Con-
nor of Formosa. However, due to
the relatively high cost of each, 2c
in U. S. currency, there is grave
doubt that a successful financial
goal can be accomplished.



While sold at post offices, these
items have no franking value and
are considered the same as prac-
tically all similar seals issued
throughout the world.

The design, with the exception of
the Lorraine Cross in the upper
left in red, is in a rich soft gray.
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youngster perched on her shoulder.

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ing requirements. This has now
happened to Japan which nation
has had to reprint an additional
50,000 copies of the "Philatelic
Week" commem.

The design is in a large verti-
cal format and pictures a Girl
Blowing a Glass Toy. Issued on
the first of November, it came
in miniature panes of ten stamps
and was produced in several col-
ors.

Hiroo Shimizu of the Stamp of
Hobby Co., 6 Nagahori-2, Mini-
ami, Osaka, Japan claims that this
item was sold out immediately
on the day of issue. The extra
50,000 will be sold only at the
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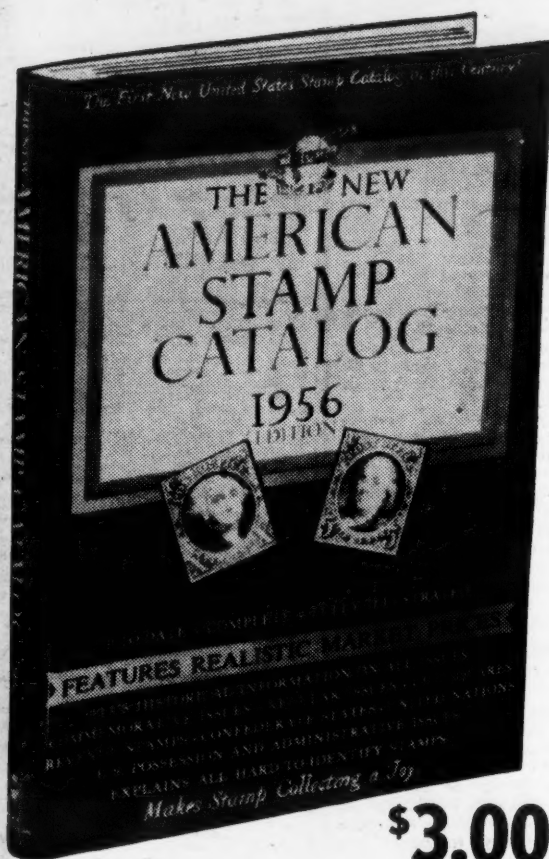
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Thumbs Down

Isn't it time to call a halt, to turn thumbs down on most of the new stamp issues? Isn't it about time that collectors take some steps to discourage the unnecessary and undesirable stamp issues of the various countries who seem to turn them out issue after issue for the sole edification of the poor collector who is constantly running around in circles, trying to keep up with the deluge?



GEORGE W. LINN

Long ago the old fashioned way of collecting disappeared, that was the general collection, the most desirable and most interesting form of collecting because it led one all over the world and gave one a general knowledge of and an interest in the world as a whole.

General collecting held up pretty well until the first world war but the deluge of new stamps that came immediately following the start of that war and have continued ever since were the death knell of the general collector.

Since that period, almost everything has been thrown at the collector, until today it is rather difficult to find two collectors who collect the same thing. It has been necessary to form national societies, with members scattered all over the country in order that collectors interested in the same thing may confer with others of the same

interest for mutual advancement in their chosen field of collecting.

Time was when one could take his duplicates to the stamp club and always find a swap for some other stamps he did not have but not so today.

In the average stamp club in our bigger cities today it is almost impossible to trade one's duplicates with other collectors because the other fellow is not collecting the same thing you are collecting.

The deluge of new stamps month after month that comes from some countries are not necessary postal issues, they are issued solely because the Postal Administrations of those countries have become aware of the fact that there is a ready market in American Dollars for such stamps and they simply throw the book at the collector and let him pay through the nose. This situation is certain to continue just so long as the collector will stand and take it.

The art of issuing new stamps for the collector has been developed to such an extent that in some of the countries where this is practiced the sale of the new issues is controlled by government agencies and ordinary collectors and dealers can not supply the material. Just so long as the collector will buy the trash it is certain to be prepared for him for the methods of printing now in effect are so simple that it costs little more to produce an entirely new issue than it would to make new plates for a current issue.

Will the collector rebel or will he continue to buy this class of material as long as it is dished out to him?

More Interest In Stamps

Regardless of TV we are of the opinion that world wide interest in stamps has been growing in the past years. We are of the old school and enjoy stamps most from the standpoint of a student as were the old collectors in past years who built up fine collections.

For our part we have had TV for over five years now and I am ready to confess that there is much of TV that holds so little interest that it is a simple matter to turn it off or to leave it go for whole days at a time and never turn it on. If TV is to seriously interfere with stamp collecting or any other hobby that anyone has then TV will have to change its ways for much of it is of so little interest that it becomes tiresome to watch it.

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If you like the commercials, then try New Zealand where you can find commercials on the backs of your stamps, or try some of the modern French and Belgian issues which have a touch of commercial with them.

Yes, regardless of TV we believe that more and more people are collecting stamps each year in some form or other. The big problem is to get them interested deeply enough, to get them out in the open where we can count them.

Fifty years ago there was one weekly stamp paper with a circulation of six or seven thousand copies. Today there are a half dozen or so each of which is larger than the one of fifty years ago and the total circulation of which today is perhaps 150,000.

Stamps are on sale in more stores across the country than ever before. The big problem is to hold on to those new recruits and get them out in the open.

In the past few years there has come from Europe, more new catalogues of stamps than ever before. There seems to be a catalog for almost every type and form of collecting, catalogues for single countries, groups of countries, many different topical subjects, catalogue after catalogue in an unending number.

There is every evidence that interest in stamps is spreading, just what causes it is hard to discover but the fact that the world is getting closer together, that the people know and understand one another better, must have some bearing on the situation.

We have always believed that stamp collecting would have a great influence on world peace and world conditions in general. It is such a universal hobby, understood by everyone because it is the collection of pictures and everyone can read a picture. Given unlimited use of the mails behind and in front of the iron curtain and stamp collectors would set up and develop a brotherhood that would go far beyond any fraternal organization anywhere on earth.

SMILEATELICS... Bob Riecker



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More details, not immediately available, are now at hand on Italy's three most recent commemoratives.

The "Why" of "Fermo"

The "Professional Instructions" stamp was issued on October 15. The cryptic word "Fermo" which appears at the lower left of the design refers to the fact that the stamp also commemorates the centenary of the founding of the Institute of Industrial Technique at Fermo. This school had its origin in the generosity of Count Gerolamo Montani, who founded it a hundred years ago as a school "for the instruction of Artisans".

Other First-Day Dates

The International Agricultural Institute and FAO stamps were released on November 3.

The Matteotti stamp was placed on sale on November 10. It had been authorized last Spring — on May 17, 1955 — by Presidential Decree No. 528.

All four of the stamps listed above will be valid for postage through December 31, 1956.

Old History Makes Fresh News

The daily press constantly reminds us how fresh "old" philatelic history can be. Back in November of 1951, the Italian Rivers Po, Adige and others went on a terrifying rampage, inundating an estimated 300,000 acres of farmland and destroying at least 25,000 rural homes and rendering homeless an estimated 200,000 and more persons.



Americans, as always were among those who contributed generously to the relief of the stricken. Little San Marino also did its part. On December 6, 1951, it placed on sale its then-current 250 Lire airmail stamp with overprint "pro alluvionati italiani 1951" (for the flooded-out Italians, 1951) and new value, 100L. The entire proceeds of the sale of this stamp went towards Italian flood relief.

Now we are reminded of that item and the events behind it, by a curious turning of the tables. On November 13, Baron de Ferraris, Italian Consul General in New York City, presented a check for \$1100 to Connecticut Senator Prescott Bush — for use in repairing some of Connecticut's recent flood damage. The check represented the myriad small contributions of many humble Italians who remembered with gratitude the help that had come to them in the hour of their need from citizens of Connecticut.

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"Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport the world affords."

And that, friends, is the theme of the first few paragraphs of this week's U. S. Notes.

You will recall that the utterly bad judgment of the UN Postal Administration in only having 200,000 of the UN 10th Anniversary souvenir sheets printed was scored heavily here. Not because the sheets aren't a desirable item, but because Reidar Tvedt, the chief of that unit of the United Nations had again flubbed his duty and public relations with collectors of United Nations stamps and stationery.

The sheets were all sold out around noon on the day they were released and hundreds of collectors standing in line at the windows were turned away without any. True, the quantity per person was rationed after the big rush was on, but by that time some of the big NYC dealers had all their office help and whatever friends they could dig up in line for them buying the limit of sheets.

These 15c face souvenirs went immediately to 50c and more per copy, and on first day cover at a dollar and more. A lot of people had to pay through the nose for an incompetent's lack of the rudiments of merchandising.

Word came out that the UN would reprint this sheet exactly like the originals and they would be made available to the public. That, I thought, was some show of good sense and an indication that the outfit realized its error and wanted to do right.

So, then came the announcement that a total of 15,000 would come in the second batch, and that each collector would be entitled to buy one, or possibly two sheets when they were placed on sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday November 27.

People should spend hours of their precious Sunday leisure time, plus gasoline if they went by auto, or 30c for the round-trip by bus or subway, to stand in line to buy one or "possibly two" souvenir sheets having a value at the most of 15c or 30c?

In bountiful munificence the United Nations Postal Administration tosses a measly crumb of a sheet or two to the philatelic beggars and feels that it is making a tremendous concession and doing a wonderful thing!

In my opinion that is one of the most thoughtless and insulting slaps in the face collectors have ever gotten.

On October 24, the limit was 25. Those who could get them had the opportunity of making some extra dough or hoarding them. Those who weren't "lucky" now have to settle for one, or "possibly two".

What has the UN to lose if a half million extra are produced? It is all clear profit except for the probable 1/3c per sheet it costs to print them.

Is this outfit trying to hold up the selling price for the dealers who got theirs on October 24 by only releasing an additional 15,000? That's the way it looks to a lot of people who talked with me in New York.

The sooner they close up that monument of mismanagement, curtail UN stamps to the official use of the UN offices, and forbid their sale to collectors, the sooner the United Nations will have removed a serious blot from its public relations in the United States.

Crumbs for the philatelic beggars! Bah!

1. The Constitution Sesquicentennial commem was issued on the 150th anniversary of its signing. What was that date?

2. One of the 1936 commems had

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a log fort in its design. Which?

While no official attendance figures have come my way as yet, it would seem that the 1955 ASDA Show was the most successful yet. At least it was for our paper in terms of the number of new friends made through subscriptions. We topped last year's figure by more than 200.

As usual the Post Office Department had a fine, cooperative crew manning the show post office, many of them from previous years. It was good to renew acquaintances with repeaters and certainly heartening with their most generous offers of assistance to handle whatever I had cooked up for the few friends back home and elsewhere.

They were under the direction of Stanley Hodzewich who is an assistant to Robert E. Fellers, director of the Philatelic Division of the POD. Murray Hagler of New York was in charge of the clerks under Mr. Hodzewich and they made a good team.

Had the opportunity of meeting and talking with Mr. Fellers on philatelic matters, and a couple of words with Asst. PMG Albert J. Robertson who was representing the Department in the first day ceremonies of the 6c Roosevelt stamp.

Learned from Jacques Minkus that his smart new postage stamp catalogs of the world will make their bow to the philatelic world on December 12. I saw some of the page proofs from these volumes—there is something real nice coming up in these reference books.

Bernard Davis of Philadelphia certainly earned a lot of credit for the excellent display of material connected with Teddy Roosevelt. He was the art director for this event, as he has been for past ones, and made good use of material available to him.

H. Clay Musser, executive secretary of the American Philatelic Society who suffered a stroke some months ago, was very much present. A lot of folks had given him up to be a bed patient for the rest of his time, but Clay said he determined he was going to navigate under his own power again, and that he is doing. He uses a cane, doesn't run where he is going, and gets there in fine shape.

Had a nice gabfest with that well known orchestra leader Vincent Lopez during a reception Sunday afternoon in the living quarters of Col. and Mrs. Donald Sherman, commandant of the armory. He knows stamps like he knows music—has lots of eye-catching material. The gracious Shermans have been hosts for years past and they certainly do the honors grandly at their affair.

Col. Sherman is a collector in a number of categories. Always at the reception he has his albums laid out on a long table where the guests can look through them to their full satisfaction. He has done a most commendable layout and annotation of his pages which are of the blank loose-leaf variety.

Ernest Kehr, stamp editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, sold the colonel on displaying several of his collections at BOMTOPEX. That's the topical exhibition, exclusively, to be presented at Bombay, India next year, and which Mr. Kehr will attend.

Last year Linn's Weekly prepared a souvenir for the first day of the Lincoln 4c of the Liberty series. This year, one was originated for the 6c Roosevelt. It was offered to all who were new subscribers, free, or sold for 50c each. This same proposal was made to our readers in the November 14 edition and is still open.

It consists of an album size sheet, antique finish Bristol, which has the portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, in a black and gold frame, and beneath which is to be mounted a first day cover bearing this stamp, the cover being included.

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Jerry Husak, executive secretary of the American Topical Association, 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 16, Wis., writes that there are approximately 70,000 copies of the \$2 Prexy available in his part of the world. These are no

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1. September 17, 1937.
2. The Arkansas Centennial.

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NEW BUREAU ITEMS.

As reported by George Klein new issue Bureau dealer. All are Liberty series save one and it is not strictly an unlisted item, the 1½c Prexy narrow from Sandusky, Ohio.

All the following are Liberties — 1c sheet from Long Beach, Calif.; Emporia, Kans.; Columbia, Mo.; and Boston, Mass.

3c and 4c sheet from Boston, Mass. 1c coil stamps from Boston, Mass. and Cleveland, Ohio. 2c coil stamps from Pasadena, Calif.; Topeka, Kans.; Boston, Mass.; Kansas City, Mo.; Cleveland, Ohio, and Chattanooga, Tenn.

The list looks like it might be BOSTON week or 2c coil week. GUNESCH-CODA Standard Catalog of United States Bureau Issue Precancels—This is the title of a NEW Bureau Print catalog to be released soon. Among the new features is the listing of the various groups to themselves and on different colored paper for ease of locating in the book. Another item of note is the eliminating of price quotations on coil pairs and blocks of four. Where the price justifies a quotation over twice the single price, as in case of pairs, or over four times the single price as in block of four, there will be a separate page listing and pricing these pairs and blocks.

A new system of numbering along with the corresponding Scott's number will head each page and all the types listed on a page will be illustrated. The price announced will be \$1. It is available from the Gunesch Precancel House, 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.

CORRECTION

In the November 7 issue the item about the MW dated on the 1c value from Baltimore, Md. should have read "The first 1c Liberty issue Bureau to be noted on an MW dated - -"

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Fascist Fighter Honored By Italy

After repeated delays, Italy has finally put into circulation the long-promised stamp in honor of Giacomo Matteotti, says P. Ostrow, Burlington, Vt.



It is a 25 Lire reddish brown, printed by photogravure on star-watermarked paper and distributed in sheets of 40 stamps. The design is a simple one—a portrait of Matteotti with date "1955" and a two-line description "Onoranza a Giacomo Matteotti" (Honor to Giacomo Matteotti).

Matteotti was born in 1885. An attorney, he devoted much of his time in behalf of the then-burgeoning peasant cooperative movement, and became a member of the moderate wing of the Italian Socialist Party. When Mussolini staged his Fascist coup with the blessing of the Italian King, Matteotti took the lead in the Italian Parliament, day after day, in assailing Fascist terrorism and exposing its blatant corruption. So effective was his opposition that he was named by the Democratic Left to represent it as Attorney General in a trial of Fascist officials charged with dishonesty and fraud.

Like an English King of an earlier century, Mussolini is credited with having bewailed that there was no one to rid him of such a relentless tormentor.

The Fascist assassins took heart and on June 10, 1924 Matteotti was seized as he emerged from his home, dragged into a waiting automobile and driven away. His mutilated body was found in the woods some days later.

So great was the outcry that Mussolini was forced to disavow responsibility for the murder and conduct a mock-trial of several of the murderers. As might be expected, they received only nominal sentences.

Matteotti's spirit, however, remained to plague Mussolini as long as he lived. He was the "patron saint", first of those anti-Fascist Italians who fought in Spain on behalf of the Democratic Spanish Republic, and later of the anti-Fascist resistance movement during the last war. Today, the Italian Republic, though far from Socialist, has taken steps to honor one of Italy's great democrats.

100 Years Of Telegraph Noted

Finland on December 10 will release a set of three to note the centenary of the nation's telegraph system. One of the trio carries the portrait of the man responsible for its inauguration, Otto Nyberg on the 15 markka brown.



The other values are 10mk green, a map and broadcasting tower; 25mk blue, telephone wires in a winter setting. Added parts of the designs include telegraph poles, telegraph code, and sound waves. Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden states that

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66 10c Green	4.50	1.00	682-701 11-50c Perf. 11x10½	5.00	.25
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The UN Postal Administration has announced that the first day of issue of the Human Rights Day set will be December 9.

The stamps, photographs of which have already been released, are in the 3c and 8c denominations, and were designed by Hubert Woyty-Wimmer, a member of the UNPA International Panel of Stamp Designers, of Messrs. Thomas de la Rue and Co. Ltd. England. This being a commemorative stamp, there will be no additional production.

Printing is by Waterlow and Sons, London, England from engraved plates in quantities of one million and a quarter of the 3c blue, and one million of the 8c green. They will be vertical and measure 27mm x 40mm and will be issued in sheets of 50, with marginal inscriptions appearing twice at the top and twice at the bottom of each sheet.

The stamps will be placed on sale at face value at UN Headquarters, New York, and at the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva at the prices established for this office, on Friday, December 9. In London, the stamps will be available to dealers only, against payment in sterling.

Detailed instructions as to the procedure for obtaining first day covers of the new stamps are:

1. First day service is only given at Headquarters, New York, against payment in U. S. dollars.
 2. Persons desiring first day cancellations of the stamps may send in a reasonable number of addressed unstamped envelopes to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, N. Y.
 3. The outside envelope must be clearly marked "First Day Covers—Human Rights".
 4. Remittance to cover the cost of stamps to be affixed must be enclosed in either money order or certified check. Personal checks will not be accepted, nor will postage stamps.
 5. The denomination and quantity of stamps to be affixed should be clearly marked in pencil in the upper right hand corner of each envelope.
 6. A filler of medium weight should be placed in each envelope, and the flap turned in. A poor cover might result if no filler is provided.
 7. Requests for marginal inscription blocks will be filled only as far as possible, depending upon the number of marginal inscriptions available. On the other hand, the normal UN Postal Administration requirements concerning the number of stamps which must be purchased to obtain a marginal inscription are waived. However, no positional requests can be honored.
 8. No mixed orders for both first day covers and mint stamps will be processed. Such orders will be returned to the sender.
- Separate orders for mint stamps will be accepted and these should be addressed to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, N. Y. It should be noted that, in respect of mint orders, the normal provisions concerning marginal inscriptions will apply, and collectors should also remember to allow for return postage and registration when necessary in their remittance.

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Twenty-one States were represented among the entries. Ohio and Minnesota were tied for first place with five contestants each.

Jay N. ("Ding") Darling, famous cartoonist and noted conservationist, then head of the former Bureau of Biological Survey (one of the predecessor agencies of the present Fish and Wildlife Service), fittingly designed the first of the annual series of migratory waterfowl hunting stamps issued by the Federal Government. This first stamp went on sale on August 14, 1934, and expired on June 30, 1935. The sale of that issue amounted to 635,001 stamps.

Succeeding duck stamp artists were: Frank W. Benson, 1935-36; Richard E. Bishop, 1936-37; J. D. Knap, 1937-38; Roland Clark 1938-39; Lynn Bogue Hunt, 1939-40; Francis L. Jacques, 1940-41; E. R. Kalmbach, 1941-42; A. Lassell Ripley, 1942-43; Walter E. Bohl, 1943-44; Walter A. Weber, 1944-45 and 1950-51; Owen J. Gromme, 1945-46; Robert W. Hines, 1946-47; Jack Murray, 1947-48; Maynard Reece, 1948-49 and 1951-52; Roger E. Preuss, 1949-50; John H. Dick, 1952-53; Clayton B. Seagers, 1953-54; Harvey Sandstrom, 1954-55; and Stanley Stearns, 1955-56.

The duck stamp has become familiar to all migratory waterfowl hunters and to philatelists and conservationists throughout the country since the first issue in the series went on sale in 1934. A new stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of its distribution and sale. It goes on sale on July 1 and expires on the following June 30. Nearly twice the size of a special delivery stamp, it sells for \$2.

Everyone over 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have one of these stamps in his possession, in addition to his State hunting license. More than two million duck stamps are sold annually.

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Seals From Canada, Finland And Mexico

Reports on Christmas seals from 3 nations have been made by the Tatham Stamp and Coin Co. of Springfield, Mass. They are Canada, Finland and Mexico and all are to raise funds for the battle against tuberculosis.



The first named has a sealant pair in design like that of the United States with the exception that each has the word "CANADA" and 1955 in large letters.



500 Peso Airmail Issued By Chile

The value of Chile's airmail stamps have hit a new high with the recent release of a 500 Pesos item, states Guillermo Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile. Mr. Preuss also sent copies of the 100 and 200 Pesos shown in a recent edition.



A four-engined passenger plane in a night flight occupies the design with a crescent-shaped moon in the upper left. Its color is maroon. A printing of 100,000 has been made.

Seek Two HPO Routes For Minnesota Area

Two new Highway Post Office routes are distinct possibilities for Minnesota claims the St. Paul Dispatch. Efforts for such establishment are being expended by Sen. Thyne (R. Minn.) who has placed a request before the Post Office Department for consideration.

As outlined the service would be for cities and towns in the north central, western and southern parts of the state where it is claimed much is to be desired in present mail delivery facilities.

The first HPO would operate between St. Paul and Willmar; the second between St. Paul and Decorah, Iowa. Presently there is one route in the state while several Minnesota cities are served from routes which originate in Iowa.



Dec. 4—Ferndale and Birmingham Stamp Clubs, Lincoln High School, Nine Mile Rd. at Livernois, Ferndale, Mich.
 Jan. 15-Feb. 14—Staten Island Philatelic Society, Staten Island Museum, Staten Island, N. Y.
 Jan. 27-29—CHESAPEX, Maryland Institute of Art, Baltimore, Md.
 Feb. 3-5—Houston Philatelic Society, Palmer Memorial Church, Houston, Texas.
 Feb. 11-12—Michigan Stamp Club, Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Mich.
 Feb. 24-26—North Shore Philatelic Society, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
 Feb. 25-26—Columbus Philatelic Club, Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.
 Feb. 25-26—Ravenswood Stamp Club, 4219 Lincoln Ave., Finnish Hall, Chicago, Ill.

Diamond Jubilee Marked By Sultan

November 21 was the first day of issue for a 10c lake commem to note the Diamond Jubilee (1895-1955) of the Sultan of Johore. It was issued by the postal administration of that Malayan State.



According to the Crown Agents' Representative for the Colonies in the United States, the printing from engraved plates was in the hands of Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd. of England.

A central oval carries the portrait of the ruler. Inscriptions are in Malayan and English.

A compass rose is shown on a Chilean airmail.

FIPEX Entries Are Now Taken

While it is still two months before the official entry blanks must be received from those philatelists desiring to exhibit at FIPEX — the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition — applications for several hundred frames already have been received by the directing committee. Preliminary reservations for frames total more than 1000, over half of the 2000 frames that will be available at the great show which will run from April 28 to May 6.

Entry blanks and copies of the Rules and Regulations have been sent to leading philatelic organizations and individuals throughout the United States and all nations of the free world. From inquiries being received, there is no doubt of the world-wide interest by leading philatelists in exhibiting.

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Copies of the Rules and Regulations, and entry blanks, may be obtained by writing to Edwin E. Elkins, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N.Y. All entries must be in the hands of the directing committee by January 15, 1956.

Michigan Stamp Club Exhibition In February

February 11 and 12 are the dates of the 42nd anniversary exhibition and bourse of the Michigan Stamp Club. It will be staged in the Tuller Hotel, Detroit in which place the club regularly meets on the first Thursday and third Monday of the month.

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Communications in the Visayan Islands and in Mindanao continued for another two or three months, but following the Japanese capture of Mindanao on 5 May, and the capitulation of Samar and Leyte on 25 May, all of the Philippines were brought under Japanese enemy control.

On 23 January 1942, through the order of the Imperial Japanese Forces, a new form of government—the Philippine Executive Commission—was organized. The Chairman of the Commission was the supreme head under the "commands and orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines."

Composing the Executive Commission were six commissioners, heading the various departments of the new Government. Under the Department of Public Works and Communications was the Bureau of Communications which had, among its duties, the reopening of the post offices and the restoration of mail facilities.

On 21 February 1942, the Philippine Executive Commission received an order from the Japanese Military Administration to reopen post offices and, on 4 March, mail facilities were reopened in Greater Manila. From time to time, further offices were reopened. Of the over one thousand city and municipal post offices before the outbreak of war, only one-half were reopened from 1942-1944.

The first of the provisional postage stamps and provisional post cards appeared on 4 March 1942, followed on 18 May by the first of the commemorative issues. On 12 November, the first semipostals in the history of philately in the Philippine Islands appeared; the first postage due stamps came out on 3 September.

In 1943, the first two values of the first definitive occupation stamps, came on 1 April; the first official stamps (the KP's) came out on 1 June; and the first souvenir sheets made their appearance on 14 October.

Languages permitted in postal communication were restricted to Japanese, Tagalog, English and Spanish, for local delivery, and, for delivery outside the Philippines, communications were restricted to those written in Japanese—in Chinese characters, in the syllabary known as kana or written with Roman letters.

Censorship markings were applied to all mail matter until 1 July 1943 when censorship continued but the use of the rubber stamps of the military censorship was discontinued.

As to postage rates: domestic letters were assessed 2 centavos as from 4 March 1942, the rate rising to 5 centavos as from 1 September in that year; the same rates were applicable for postcards save that, as from 2 December 1942, the rate reverted to 2 centavos.

The same rates given above were made applicable as from 5 October 1942 for mail addressed for delivery in Japan, Korea, Formosa, Sakhalien, Kwantung, Manchukuo, China, Java, Malaya, Sumatra, Burma and Northern Borneo. The service was further extended, as from 1 August 1943, to include Southern Borneo, Little Sunda, the Moluccas and the Celebes.

The Manila Post Office reopened, free of all Japanese control, on 16 April 1945.

The following are some paragraphs of interest which in themselves might be termed "short short" stories—

The three values of the postage stamps of the Philippine Islands issued under Japanese Occupation, which appeared on 30 April 1943 were known as the KALIBAPI ISSUE. In December 1942, the Japanese engineered the organization of the KALIBAPI or "Association for Service to the New Philippines." The full title was KAPISANAN SA PAGLILINGKOD SA BANBONG PILIPINAS.

Like the Imperial Rule Assistance Association in Japan, the Concordia Society in Manchukuo, or the Hsin Min Hui in North China, the KALIBAPI was intended to replace the old political parties by an all-embracing association devoted to propaganda for the cause of Japan and the Co-Prosperity Sphere, pacification work in the guerrilla areas, and economic reconstruction along the lines desired by the Japanese.

The first and second printings of

the 50-centavos on 1-peso, orange and black, "Barasoain Church" can be readily distinguished. The first printing, that of 30 April 1943 and the second printing, that of 7 September 1944 both have a curved bar deleting UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The former is 32½mm across and the latter is between 31 and 32½mm in width.

The rarest of the stamps of the Japanese Occupation of the Philippine Islands is the 1 peso on 4 pesos of 30 April 1943. When this stamp appeared and save for the first four customers, sales were restricted to five stamps per customer. It was completely sold out in two hours after being offered. Government stocks of the basic underlying stamps amounted to only 19,975 copies in all, thereby restricting the quantity which could be overprinted in compliance with the orders of the Japanese authorities.

Large quantities of this stamp were destroyed during the street-fighting for the American liberation of Manila and elsewhere. In the case of each sheet, one stamp had the "S" inverted in the overprinted "ONE PESO" at the foot of the stamp, making this the rarest of the errors on the postage stamps of the Philippines under Japanese Occupation.

It is not difficult to differentiate between the first printing (on 16 September 1943) and the second printing (on 10 April 1944) of the 2 peso value of the definitive issues. In the case of the first printing, the paper is thick and the perforations clear and cleanly cut. The paper is much thinner in the second printing, the watermark is clearly seen and the perforations are dull-cut and are almost like pin perforations.

The inscriptions on the Independence Issue, 14 October 1943, of the postage stamps of the Philippines under Japanese Occupation are of interest. At the top is seen, in Tagalog, KALAYAAN NG PILIPINAS, meaning "Independence of the Philippines." Immediately below it, in ancient Malay script, is the same. The English word POSTAGE is also to be seen on these stamps.

The Official Stamps of the Japanese Occupation of the Philippine Islands embody the Chinese characters meaning "Official Use" and the initials "K.P." K.P. stands for the Tagalog KAGAMITAN ("Use") and PAMPAMAHALAN ("Government").



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According to Edwin Mueller of New York City, and the Austrian Postal Administration the first Day of the Postage Stamp was noted on December 1, 1935.

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The Stamp Collectors Guild, P. O. Box 1, Staten Island, N. Y. advises that it has a new price list of the stamps of former German Offices and Colonies. These come mint and used in most instances and include the offices in China, Morocco and Turkey, plus the Cameroons, Carolines, Africa, New Guinea, Togo, Marianne and Marshall. The list is free.

Offered by Alfred Boerger, P. O. Box 157, Sta. A, Toledo 5, Ohio in an ad this edition is a mystery item from the recent sale of the philatelic effects of the late Dr. F. A. Stengel of Marion, Ohio. Mr. Boerger was the purchaser of a

sizeable lot of this material which the medical man had accumulated from many sources over the years of his life.

Joseph F. Negreen, P. O. Box L, Great Barrington, Mass. has announced that the 1956 edition of his British Empire Postage Stamps Price List (No. 15) can be had for 25c, this sum being deductible from the first order. Items come mint, used and in sets and cover the reigns of Victoria, Edward, George V and VI and Elizabeth II. Prices are competitive.

The Washington Press, Newark, N. J. producers of the Arctcraft first day covers and the White Ace Albums, are the sponsors of the "World of Stamps" a quarter hour radio show from 12:45 to 1 p. m. over station WRCA in New York (660 on the dial). Walter Law will be the master of ceremonies. Various facets of stamp and cover collecting are featured.

The full page ad of the Arcade Stamp Center, 150 Fulton St., New York 38, N. Y. which appeared in the November 14 special ASDA edition has been claimed highly successful beyond expectations by the firm. Revisions of several of the offerings made at the time have been made and these are included in a new price list which the company sends to requests.

Now back at his office after an absence due to surgery is H. B. Zeitlin, 1795 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. He is putting the finishing touches to his 28th mail auction which will close on December 5. This current sale features the larger part of a 30-volume collection of mint 20th century countries of the world. He has a catalog on request.

November 25 was the opening day for the Arrowhead Stamp & Coin Co., 65½ Main St., Oshkosh, Wis. The firm claims that it will have the largest stock of stamps and coins north of Milwaukee and invites interested collectors to scan the offerings. United States mint and used and General Foreign, plus accessories and albums will be on hand.

J. & H. Stolow, Inc., 50 W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y. has the December edition of their 20th Century Foreign Stamps wholesale catalog ready for members of the trade who will write for it on their business stationery. It features complete mint sets from all the world's stamp issuing countries, many of the offerings are well illustrated.

Cover collectors who are looking for items to add to their collections which are both unique and beautiful should investigate the Texture-Craft cacheted covers, 545 41st St., Union City, N. J. The firm has a Christmas offer made on page ten of the November 21 Linn's concerning the 1955 stamps of the U.S., or the United Nations issues.

Stanley Gibbons, Inc., 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. released the fourth edition of their 1955 price list of United States, Possessions and BNA at the ASDA Show recently. Others can now receive it by mail for 15c sent to the above address. The various editions through the year are obtainable on subscription. There are notable price changes in this one.

A price list which offers special issues of Swiss stamps is available from Eugene M. Halterman, MC-53 Mahoning Ext., Warren, Ohio. Material includes tete beche pairs, interspace pairs, se tenant pairs and booklet panes. These are available either mint or used. A number of the items are listed which ordinarily do not appear in the Scott Catalog.

A most comprehensive offering of Japan, Manchukuo, Ryukyu Is-

lands, Philippine Japanese Occupation, and other Jap Occupation issues appears in the last edition of Linn's. It is made by the Homestead Stamp Co., P. O. Box 309, Flushing 52, N. Y. The company specializes in these stamps. It has a free list which will be sent to those mentioning Linn's.



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AFGHANISTAN. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the United Nations two stamps of the same design were recently issued. The design shows a flag with the U. N. emblem. The 12.50p value is blue and 35p value is reddish-brown.

BOLIVIA. Two new stamps were recently issued. The first is a 5c blue stamp showing a plane in flight and the other is a 10c green stamp showing two planes in flight.

CHILE. On October 31, 1955, the new 100P and 200P airmail stamps were issued. Both stamps show planes in flight.

COSTA RICA. Six stamps will be issued to commemorate Rotary International. The value will be: 10c green, 25c blue, 40c brown, 45c red, 60c violet, and \$2 dark yellow. All are for airmail use.

CUBA. The new colors of the \$2.00 and \$5.00 airmails (Scott C77 and C78) are red and green respectively. The Cuban Government authorized this change on September 14, 1955.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. To commemorate "Army Day" two stamps were issued on October 6, 1955. A soldier with civilian is the design of the 30h; tanks and planes are on the 60h.

ITALY. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the F. A. O. a 60 lire stamp was issued on November 3, 1955. Also, on November 3, a 25 lire brown and rose colored stamp was issued for the International Agricultural Institute. A women bundling wheat constitutes the design.

JAPAN. Two 5 yen stamps in set-tenant pairs were issued to mark the tenth National Athletic Meeting. The 5y reddish-brown shows calisthenics and the 5y blue-gray shows racing.

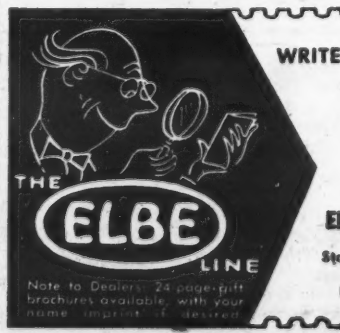
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The Ambassador Hotel, New York City was the scene recently of the greatest stamp auction ever held in the United States, when the Alfred H. Caspary Postmasters' Provisionals were sold by H. R. Harmer, Inc. The collection, the finest ever formed by one man, was broken down into 153 lots and nearly three hours had passed before the last lot was "knocked down" by Bernard Harmer, and a realization of \$225,340 obtained. Of some 100 persons present, only about 30 were successful purchasers, the remainder being shut out by bidding which was consistently on the high side.

Top price was \$14,000 for the Baltimore 10c on bluish paper cataloguing \$15,000, of which two copies exist and the one sold is unique on entire. The surprising price of \$11,000 was obtained for the Annapolis envelope, cataloguing \$8,000, of which two examples are known on different size envelopes. The famous Alexandria "Blue Boy" - the unique 5c on blue paper - brought \$10,000 against the catalogue price of \$15,000.

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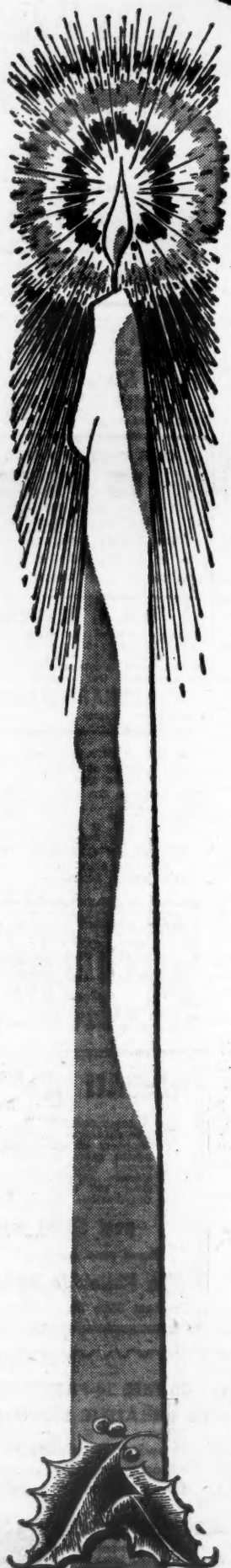
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"Isn't It Wonderful?"

As we turn the pages of our plate block collections, interesting observations can be noted. First we see the last commemorative that was issued and we recall how inexpensive it was to obtain, either complete or in parts. This applies either way: whether a plate block dealer supplies it to you, complete or in part, or whether you try to assemble it on your own initiative. As you check back the similar history of preceding stamps, you may note some difference from one issue to the other, some took longer to complete and some took a lot more effort and energy to obtain than others. Nevertheless there is a glowing satisfaction when you do have all of these issues complete to your requirements, be it one number in all positions or the more difficult phase, all numbers in all positions.

In the main, this discussion leans more heavily towards the commemoratives which have a greater following than the collectors of the regular issues because they are shorter sets and there is a definite limitation to the number of stamps printed and to the number of plates assigned for the entire issue.

As you acquire these sets the thought does not immediately occur to you that these stamps might be more desirable, less common, and even with the remote possibility that they might be scarce. The fact remains that all the valuable stamps had their day when they were plentiful and common, when they were issued and for some time thereafter.

Isn't it wonderful that every new stamp is easily available to all collectors in plate blocks and in all positions at the lowest price level, if obtained either through stamp dealers or directly from post offices?

As you turn back the pages in your album a few more years, to 1948, which is not so long ago, you first begin to realize a greater satisfaction in having been consistent in maintaining your collection complete. In these short few years you can now look back and see where a goodly number of the plate blocks that you bought, have suddenly become less common, elusive, and very hard to get.

The question of why and wherefore is another subject and of course there are many reasons why certain issues, or specific numbers and even positions, are more difficult to obtain and consequently more costly. The fact that nearly all stamps start out at a common and low level is

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both heartening and encouraging for every collector. In few words it tells every collector, and all prospective collectors, that the beginning is easy and inexpensive. Isn't that wonderful?

Whenever a new stamp comes out the Philatelic Agency in Washington, and the many other smaller Philatelic Agencies in different cities, all over the country, have to go through many sheets for select centering. These are set aside for stamp collectors. This stock is made available to all.

Invariably in a complete set of 16 or 24 positions a few may have come through with difficulty in the printing process and will not be as well centered as the rest in the set. I would consider it to be sound judgment to accept those not so well centered and be satisfied instead of being uncompromising on centering and reject anything below the choicest condition.

Through the years my experience has been that these most difficult positions become, sooner, the scarcest and most valuable of the entire set. Those who are willing to overlook such minor conditions are well rewarded in the future. Then in years to come you find an even greater satisfaction that the plate blocks that were hard to look at have now become the outstanding blocks of the year. Isn't it a wonderful

feeling?

The fact that all new stamps start out at the same level, most of them being 3c, makes it possible for almost all collectors, rich or poor, to build a solid collection for many years into the future. The fact that the government agencies, through the Post Office Department, cooperate so well with all collectors, to help in providing suitable and attractive collections is wonderful. The fact that this government does not engage in issuing too many commemorative stamps per year and keeps these in the lowest denominations is wonderful. Don't you think so?

And with this Thanksgiving season upon us, plate block collectors, with interest in building their collections, have that too to be thankful for.

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